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ACQUISITION DISTRIBUTION LAYER**

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**REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT  
AMENDMENT DATED MAY 25, 2006**

Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 25, 2006, having a one-month shortened period for response set to expire on June 25, 2006. If any fees are required in order to continue the prosecution of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 19-5425.

Please enter the amendments to the specification on page 2 of this correspondence. Applicants' Remarks begin on page 3. Please replace the Abstract with the enclosed Abstract which is submitted on a separate sheet of paper.